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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-
Compatible Mobile Handsets, WT Docket No. 07-250; Section 68.4 of
the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid Compatible
Telephones, WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, January 30, 2008 2008, representatives of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) met with Renée Crittendon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein . The TIA representatives were Mary Brooner (Motorola), Derek Khlopin (Nokia), Praveen Goyal (Research in Motion), Paul Schomburg (Panasonic), Jared Carlson (on behalf of Sony-Ericsson), Patrick Donovan (TIA), and the undersigned. The purpose of the meeting was for TIA to reiterate its position, consistent with our filing, on the subject matter central to the Hearing Aid Compatibility proceeding, specifically the Joint Consensus Plan (JCP) submitted by Incubator Solutions Program #4 of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) to the FCC, which would reform the Commission's HAC requirements scheduled to take effect on February 18, 2008.

TIA emphasized the importance of the timely implementation of the JCP, as it represents collaboration among industry, the disability community, and standards-setting bodies. In regard to the other issues raised in this proceeding, TIA urged the Commission to refrain from rules that count a handset as non-compliant if it operates over spectrum bands or air interfaces for which HAC technical standards have not yet been established, as such a rule would create disincentives to the introduction of new technologies. Standards-setting is a lengthy, complicated process and is handled more efficiently by voluntary standards, as exemplified by TIA-1083 (Press Release

located in Appendix A, submitted as an attachment hereto). Further, TIA urged the FCC to issue a Public Notice before incorporating standards into its rules.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, a copy of this submission is being provided to Renée Crittendon. Please contact the undersigned with any questions in connection with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rebecca Schwartz

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Renée Crittendon

APPENDIX A



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Cordless Phone Manufacturers to Make All Handsets TIA-1083 Compliant

TIA's Interference Standard Quickly Becoming Ubiquitous in the Industry.

Arlington, Va. – The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) and the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) announced today that Panasonic, Uniden, Thomson, and V-Tech will have 100% of their new cordless telephones comply with the TIA-1083 interference standard. This standard will curtail the interference experienced by cordless phone users with hearing aids and cochlear implants. These manufacturers have indicated phased-in commitments to 100% compliance, with most achieving it for new designs in 2008 and all expecting to comply by the beginning of 2010.

This milestone is the result of consistent, coordinated efforts by TIA, its members, HLAA and the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Telecommunications Access at Gallaudet University. Collaboration between TIA, the communications industry and HLAA is productive on many levels. Good-faith negotiations allow all parties to avoid burdensome regulations that might have unintended consequences for consumers. Working directly with industry allows consumers with hearing loss to voice their concerns and see their suggested changes brought to market as quickly as possible.

TIA-1083, *Telephone Terminal Equipment Handset Magnetic Measurement Procedures and Performance Requirements*, defines measurement procedures and performance requirements for the handset generated audio band magnetic noise of wireline telephones. Simply put, applying the TIA-1083 standard to cordless phones significantly reduces the audio interference problems that had previously affected cordless telephone users with hearing aids and cochlear implants.

"TIA believes that the more people who can access the telecom network, the more powerful and useful that network is for everyone," said TIA President Grant Seiffert. "The success TIA and HLAA have had in working together to solve this potential problem is simply inspiring."

"This shows that industry and consumers can work together to bring accessible products to market," said Brenda Battat, associate executive director of HLAA. "As a result of this collaborative effort hearing aid and cochlear implant users now have more phone options."

For more information about TIA-1083 and TIA's work with the hearing loss community, please contact Ian Martinez at 703.907.7723 or imartinez@tiaonline.org.

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About TIA

For almost three decades, TIA has leveraged its global resources to create the best possible business environment within which our 500+ members can research, develop, manufacture, market and sell their products and services worldwide. The association accomplishes this through its expertise in standards, advocacy, business development, market intelligence, environmental compliance and information security. TIA is committed to expanding market opportunities while protecting and enhancing the reputation of the global communications industry with all its stakeholders. For more information, go to www.tiaonline.org.

About HLAA

Hearing Loss Association of America is the nation's foremost consumer organization representing people with hearing loss. HLAA's national support network includes an office in the Washington D.C. area, 15 state organizations, and 200 local chapters. The HLAA mission is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy, and support. For more information go to www.hearingloss.org.